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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

There isn't the interest manifested in the candidacy for Councilman that there should be, and the nominations for assessors are likely to go to some broken down politicians who need a few days' employment to give them a fair start in summer. There is too much carelessness in these matters, chargeable to both parties in selecting candidates, and too little discretion when it comes to casting ballots. With heavy business transactions before the council that body should be composed of the wisest and most discreet business men in the city—men whose services should be sought after rather than thrust upon an indulgent public. And assessors—they should be assessors who assess, rather than figure heads who chalk down the amount dictated whether right or not. These matters are worth thinking about.

It is almost a surprise that a respectable crowd of amusement-loving people will go to Music Hall at all, unless the hoodlum element is eliminated and the offensive small boy banished to decent behavior the better patronage will be driven away. It is not supposed that all the shrill whistling and abominable hissing comes from a vicious spirit but it shows bad breeding and an utter lack of good sense. Tuesday night the audience was greatly annoyed by loud and irritating whistling at the fall of the curtain and the noise was not unlike that of a bedlam. This is unbearable to people who know how to behave and do so, and it shows no tendency to hysteria to complain. There is a remedy against such unseemly behavior and it ought to be applied.

A bill has been introduced at Columbus amending the law prohibiting saloons within two miles of public institutions so that it shall not apply to persons regularly established in business six months prior to the holding of a fair. There is opposition to this amendment as it is claimed that a person could look up a few bottles and barrels in an old shanty near the fairgrounds for six months prior to the fair and claim that the "business" has been "established." The amendment would probably have little effect in Marion, however, because the present law appears to have been a dead letter here for years.

ASHLEY CARSON'S splendid new library building, at Bradbrook, Pa., built for the use of the employees of his iron works, was formally dedicated Monday. When this act of the great capitalist is considered, and his proposition to his employees of last summer, to operate the iron works on the cooperative plan, is remembered, Mr. Carson cannot be regarded as the worst of employers. He seems to have an interest in the welfare of his employees.

The telegraph brings us the news of the appointment of Hon. John C. New as Consul General to England, and Col. Fred Grant as Minister to Austria. The appointment of Mr. New is indeed a surprise, and the President has shown his high personal esteem of Mr. New in the selection. He is an able man, perhaps not the most brilliant that might have been selected, but he will prove a satisfactory successor to Mr. Phelps.

This seems to be an era in which editors are catching on to the good things about Whitelaw Reid has the French Mission at a salary of \$17,500, Clarkson has an important place, Halford is the President's right hand man, and the good places are not yet all gone. Who knows but what dear George Crawford may prove a dark horse to win the Marion postoffice race.

JAMES BROWN PORTER has applied for a divorce. He is a dear good husband who will boldly sue for separation to advertise his wife, but perhaps we misconstrue James' motives. It may be that James takes exceptions to the public way his wife allows the dummy ass to sling her, in imitation of bold Cleopatra.

The report of the Republican convention at Cincinnati indicates that the checking off of Cox and his gang is a bigger job than was anticipated. Especially, for whom the Cox gang had their knives whetted was defeated, and the "strangers" proved to be no little power.

The Graham Earle Company produced the three-act comedy, "Fanchon," to a fair sized audience at Music Hall last night. The play was cleverly produced and kept the audience in a continued outburst of laughter. The play lacks all seriousness of plot, and there is no sorrow or thrilling situations to contrast with its easy humor. Mr. Rusk was admirable as Abraham Rusk, the unfortunate and ennobled bachelor. Miss Singleton was new admirers as the charming blonde, and the other members of the company in the cast sustained their parts well.

"Fanchon" will be produced tonight. The prohibitionists will meet in City Hall, Wednesday evening, March 27th, at 7:30 o'clock, to nominate a corporation and township ticket. It is expected every prohibitionist will be present. By order of Executive Com.

Special to Daily Star.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Harrison has appointed John C. New, of the Indianapolis Journal, as Consul General to England, and Col. Fred Grant, of New York, Minister to Austria-Hungary.

"Fanchon" at Music Hall tonight. —Tim Haley, of Galion, was in the city today.

—Mrs. Mary Bowen and mother are visiting friends and relatives at Agosta.

—Prof. Davis and his orchestra club at Music Hall next Wednesday evening.

—Dr. Nichols and daughter, Birdie, are at Richmond for a short visit with friends.

—J. H. Vaughan, wife and children are visiting with friends and relatives at Richmond.

—Sid Baker is now occupying the building owned by Mrs. Diebold, on South street, with his blacksmith shop.

—It is probable that school will be opened in the New East School building one week from next Monday.

—Rodney Deagle has accepted a position with the Graham Earle Company and will leave with them next week.

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—Rev. C. Edmond Nash, of Akron, will officiate at the funeral of Frank Beckley, at his late home, Thursday at 1 o'clock.

—The funeral of Ex-Sheriff Beckley will take place at his late home, on East Center street, at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

—Lewis Wallick, who has been the guest of friends in this city for a short time, returned to his home at Meadville, Pa., this morning.

—Prof. Davis has few equals as a violin soloist. He has been highly complimented upon his execution of Chopin's compositions.

—John King, an old pioneer and ex-Treasurer of this county, died at his home near Lakota Monday night, aged about ninety years.

—Will Campant and Harvey Stone are repainting the interior of the room occupied by Flocken's drug store, adding much to its appearance.

—Moran's new band will be at Music Hall tonight. The professor has written a new composition which they play inside tonight without drums.

—Scott Stahl closed his school at Prospect last week and is now staying in this city. He expects to commence attending school here in the near future.

—The announcement that the Mansfield Orchestra would furnish music for the German Friday night was erroneous. Marion music has been secured.

—The vocal solos by Miss Cochran with violin obligato by Prof. Davis will, alone, be worth the price of admission to Music Hall next Wednesday evening.

—Rev. W. E. Thomas and family have gone to Charlotte, N. C., called thither by the illness of Mr. Thomas' father. They will be absent a week or more.

—At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held last evening, Miss Ella Mapes was elected to teach the A and B Primary grades at the East School building.

—Treatise on "The Horse and His Diseases" and "Every Man His Own Horse Doctor"—200 books; one given away with every dollar's worth of medicine at W. B. Foye's drug store.

—J. Roether who has been an attendant in several institutions of the State and has been following the business for several years, now has charge and scouring for the aged Mr. Sharpless on East South street, whose iron condition is well known.

Will Stillman, of Owen, has purchased the O. Rutter property, on Orchard street, and will remove to Marion; and Frank Schaefer has purchased the Shultz property on Bain avenue. Both the sales were made through Chase & Hunter's real estate agency.

—Mrs. Kennel, Mrs. Fulton and Mr. Halford are on the sick list this week.

James Hatfield and Elsworth Alexander have secured positions for the summer.

Miss Princess Mason will teach at the Five Corners the coming summer.

There is considerable moving to be done about here this spring, and we believe some one will have to build.

George Davis, who has been visiting relatives in West Virginia, has returned and may be seen shaking hands with his friends of old.

Mrs. Carr, of Gurley, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague on Sunday last.

We are informed that we are to have a harness shop in our little burg soon, a gentleman from Lakota being the projector.

Prof. Hill made another professional visit with the doctor on Sunday last.

We notice that the fields of Allen Day are being upturned by his efficient workmen, which tends to us the thought of approaching spring. Mr. Day is a good farmer and he has one of the best farms in this township.

Several of our town boys have been playing rusticating the past few weeks, but were not prepared for the "cold wave."

Yes, we too, would be glad to call on "C" when he moves to his farm residence. Look out for us about Easter, "C."

Prof. Hill remains with us through the summer. He proves a very efficient teacher.

There was quite a gathering at Dr. C. J. Briggs' last Friday, but we have not learned of the particulars.

March 19th. VALERIE'S MAXIMS.

—Paper Hanging.

Though C. F. Cronso is unable to work himself he employs three first-class paper hangers who will do all kinds of work in the best of style on five hours notice, and a first-class job is guaranteed at a price as cheap as many other jobs are done. Orders may be left at the shop in the Berrington & Leiber building on South street or sent through the postoffice to C. F. Cronso, who superintends all his work.

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Of Bret Hart's son, who has just written a novel, Joe Howard says "he looks like his father—on the outside."

Thomas Hardy is at present rearranging his first novel, "Desperate Remedies," published anonymously many years ago.

Francis E. Willard has found it necessary to lay aside all other demands on her time in order to complete her autobiography.

Alfred Austin, it is generally believed in English literary circles, will become poet laureate if he survives Lord Tennyson.

Speaking of the relative places in fame's temple for her years, Whittier says: "I should not rank Gray above Bryant, or Keats above Emerson."

Zola is thinking of quitting novel writing. He says he is not written out, but is getting tired of making books, and longs to get back into journalism.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says that her best poem was completed in four hours. It took the poet Gray seven years to compose his famous "Elegy."

Editor H. W. Grady, of The Atlanta Constitution, has added to his duties the editorial management of The Southern Farm, a new agricultural magazine.

"I am sick and tired of writing dialect," said James Whitcomb Riley recently, "and I can write better verse than I ever wrote in jargon, and I mean to do it."

Daudet is suffering from a hopeless nervous malady of the kind which wrecked Heine's life, and it is feared he may not be able to accomplish much more work.

Wilkie Collins is engaged upon a new novel, the first he has attempted since his escape from a dark room, to which he was banished owing to his eye trouble.

Miss Rosa Burnand, daughter of the editor of Punch, is her father's literary secretary, and has recently compiled a birthday book from his famous "Happy Thoughts."

The authors' corrections of their proofs of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" amounted to what was equivalent to the getting up of the twenty-four quarto volumes twice over.

George Alfred Townsend is to make an extended trip through Spain to gather material for a book in which Ferdinand and Isabella and Christopher Columbus play important parts.

John Russell Young, for nearly four years American minister to China, and Gen. Grant's able lieutenant on his tour of the globe, is editor of the new London edition of The New York Herald.

Carl Lumholtz, the Australian explorer now in America, though but 35, has spent many years in most perilous travel and has the story of his journeys just published in five languages.

Joel Chandler Harris does not desire to be called "a literary man," he says he is only "a journalist," but since the publication of "Uncle Remus" the world persists in calling him "one of the literati."

Sir Edwin Arnold, of "Light of Asia" fame, has just had a large tumor removed from his head, and he will soon discard the skull cap he has long been wearing. He recently underwent an operation for hepatic abscess.

Charles Dudley Warner, the author, is tall and erect in form, and looks like a strong thinker. He is a successful angler, and is noted as a peacemaker. In the summer he takes long trips through the Adirondacks. When at his literary work he wears a black velvet jacket.

Noah Brooks and William D. Howells are among the few well known writers who have learned to manipulate the typewriting machine. Mr. Brooks, who has been used to dictating his literary productions to a stenographer, now sits down to his typewriter and plays on the keys as he composes. He finds that this process saves a great deal of time.

WOMAN'S WEAR.

Wash dresses will be worn without any bustles.

Full skirts are made about four and a half yards wide for a woman of average build.

Long polonaises in princess shape are also reintroduced. They are very slightly draped on the left side.

Real orange flowers for corsage wear are now arranged in bunches to cross the head with an agrette of buds at the side.

Figue collars and cuffs are put on children's gingham dresses, and the style will likely extend to grown people's gowns.

A new freak of the fair is to carry a Japanese hand warmer of dark silver with a carbon pencil inside, in place of a muff.

Waists of blue, rose or cream silk, made very full with pleated, falling collar, are very stylish for wear with black lace or net skirts.

In summer combination costumes the plain stuff usually makes a foundation skirt, with the figured in a full one very slightly draped at one side above it.

Very pale buff, deep yellow and about half of the twenty greens are the stylish colors for gingham. Black meshes of wide, rich ribbon will be worn with them.

The newest new fashion of putting the flowers on ball gowns under the lace or illusion skirt adds greatly to the beauty of both the garments and the bloomers.

Plain lace or round waists have directoire revers of embroidery set up on their fronts, or else a deep Vandyke collar, with two points before and three behind.

The empire pelisse is the latest invention in Empire garments. It is a long, gathered belted silk coat to be worn over lace skirts, and more resembling a tea gown than a wrap.

Round wreaths of small velvet roses are worn far back on the head with evening or ball toilets. A bouquet or buckle of the same flowers should bloom on the left shoulder.

Thin stuffs that do not require washing—India silk, China crepe, tulle of all sorts—will often have the sleeves immensely full and gathered into cuffs and cuffs of plain or embroidered velvet, either matching or contrasting in color.

One can hardly go astray in the use of ribbon. Beside the Empire mesh all sorts of dots and knots and bows should be used, and the folded ribbon finished with a bow that will be as favorable a finish for the neck and sleeves of summer gowns.

White muslin graduating gowns will have Empire waists and sleeves with longwise insertions running down them; skirts five yards wide, with deep bows and several rows of insertion above them, and wide or narrow Empire sashes going once or twice about the waist.

A pretty fancy for plaid or striped gingham is to have the waist and mitten-like sleeves cut like, taking care that the figure exactly matches in the back. The fronts are gathered full and drawn away from a plain vest, and the straight, full skirt is tucked up on the bias here.

Ladies, it would seem, no longer dye their hair. O, dear not! They never think of doing anything so sensible as that. What they do now, if you please, when they wish to give to their locks that bright golden or bronzy tint which is so fashionable, is to "oxidize it." I am sure the fair sex will thank their faithful friend "Myra" for teaching them that convenient term. Hair dye will, of course, never be mentioned more, for all a lady who wishes her hair to be "safely and imperceptibly lightened and brightened" (to use Myra's own comforting words) is to oxidize it with the aid of pure "peroxide of hydrogen." Even the most punctilious of ladies, who shudder at the notion of dyeing her hair, can hardly object to "peroxide of hydrogenize" it. Why, it sounds as innocent and as proper as taking a chamomile pill or rubbing one's ankles with arnica. —London Figaro.

Cooking Utensils of Copper Lined with Sterling Silver—Both Healthful and Handsome—Selling Fast That Cost \$42. Fish Kettles at \$115.

"And is that a fish kettle, too?" asked a man of a salesman at Tiffany's.

"No, that is to cook asparagus in."

"And what is its price?"

"A hundred and ten dollars."

The late fancy in expensive appointments for the homes of millionaires is bimetallic cooking utensils. They are made of heavy copper, with cased and welded linings of one-sixteenth inch sterling silver. The idea is Parisian, and the vessels themselves are imported from France. They are still comparatively novelties in Paris, where the hobby has gone to such an extent that no fashionable kitchen is considered properly furnished unless the food prepared there need touch no metal but silver. From the time it arrives from the market until it becomes a part of the family anatomy.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF LEADING CLUB HOUSES.

"Erratic Enrique" Gives Some Interesting Facts About the Social, Literary, Artistic, Musical, and Mixed Coterie on Manhattan Island—Handsome Buildings.

(Special Correspondence.)
New York, March 18.—To be or not to be is so much of a life problem in Gotham that almost every man and woman of business or social notoriety belongs to a club. For many years the distinctive arena of those whose names are often in print has, by common election and selection, been the Century club.

Architecturally, deceptively and inconspicuously, the Century club houses are the most sumptuous in the world. Although London has a resident population more than double that of America's commercial metropolis, the number of permanently established clubs in each city is now about equal. In the wealth and influence of members, however, in valuable real estate, commodious, ornate buildings, superb furnishings, and a perennial, generous hospitality, New York clubs lead all others.

If given in detail, the histories of these organizations would fill many columns of type. Even a complete list of the most important literary clubs is not part of the present letter. In 1792 Anthony Blocker, James Kent (the famous Chancellor), Samuel Latham Mitchell, Charles Brockden Brown, and their associates of taste and culture, formed the Drones club. Just prior to the Revolution there had been a coterie of eminent lawyers, known as the Moot, at the meetings of which purely technical questions were debated with sober, intense earnestness.

The Kront club, organized by lineal descendants of the Dutch settlers of Manhattan, and the Turtle club, which held its annual feasts and revels in the Edgely Fields at Hoboken, became in time very strong rivals of the Drones. A Tuesday evening assembly of New York's solid men and intellectual giants was the Friendly club, broken and scattered by political clashing, after many years of harmonious fellowship. During Washington's administration the Friendly club was a social power.

In 1834, James Fenimore Cooper, Fitz Greene Hall, John C. Verplanck, Philip Hone, De Kay (the then celebrated naturalist), Professor Brewster and Judge Duer organized the Drones and Chess club, which entertained servants of all countries, diplomats, members of our national congress and other distinguished sojourners in the city. Among frequent guests were the French minister, De Neuville, Daniel Webster and William Beach Lawrence, the great American jurist. Bryant, Sandans Verplanck founded the Sketch club, a mixed aesthetic fraternity. Philip Hone, mayor of New York in 1826, was a liberal promoter of a club of twenty gentlemen, organized ten years later and named in his honor. He was also one of the Union club's projects.

A local historical society has taken a long while to get the Union club represented in the old families—the Van Cortlandts, Livingstons, Van Rensselaers, Suydam, Schuylers, Griswolds and Stuyvesants filling up its membership list with aristocratic monotonies.

The Kent club, founded in 1838, was a forerunner of that unique and influential body now so popular as the Downtown Lawyers' club. Prominent at meetings of the Kent were Ogden Hoffman (a bald-headed, dreamy man) and Charles O'Connor, both esteemed for the breadth and profundity of their knowledge.

These blossoms of single blessedness, the nomadic, anomalous and blasé creatures, designated as "men around town," are the chief visitors to New York clubs. It may be said that they divide the twenty-four hours of each day between clubs, barrooms, promenades, theatres and sleep. They are bachelors, doctores, of arts and letters. Leisure is their life capital, and it brings to such sailors' moths and time killers a reputation of self-gratification that is as envying as the happiness is transitory and unreal. More fortunate club members are boys of families, or the ambitious and well-trained young business men, either married or unmarried, who hope to set up stylish domestic establishments of their own. The club has, for the latter individuals, only an attractiveness that pleasant comradeship begets anywhere and everywhere. It is claimed, and not unjustly, that in small towns or cities clubmen are more amiable and jolly than in New York; being less exclusive, more intimate from daily association, and, hence, charmingly unpretentious. Throughout the south, club life is not so well known, but the west encourages club life, because it offers relief from the tedium of labor. The first impression a New Yorker has of a Chicago club house, after business hours, is that he has dropped suddenly from the gallery to the floor of his own favorite bear pit, the Stock Exchange, on a holiday eve. St. Louis may be a trifle less vehement in noise, but its clubs dexterously hold their own when vassal and fun making have been inaugurated.

Founded more than half a century ago, the Union club takes precedence in its necessary abridged descriptions of these social leagues. Recently its membership, so desired, has been extended to a limit of 1,250. It is used to be 1,000. Housed in a modern brown stone edifice at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, opposite to the Lotus club's quarters, the Union has long been in quest of a bigger tenement. The initiation fee of this club is \$500, and its annual dues \$75. A candidate's name is only brought to the notice of the Union's governing board when a member resigns or joins the innumerable caravan that goes but never returns.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT SOON IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Boundary Line Troubles—The Nicaragua Canal—Interesting Gossip About the Three Men Now Talked of for President of the New Confederation.

(Special Correspondence.)
San Jose de Costa Rica, C. A., Feb. 28.—Before very long a great new republic is to come into existence, a nation of strength and security, of peace and prosperity. It is to be the Republic of Central America, formed of the five little republics existing today between Mexico and the Isthmus of Panama. The dream of Francisco Morazan, who, nearly half a century since, fell on the market place of San Jose de Costa Rica, dying cheerfully for the cause of the "Union," is at last to be realized. After bitter wars, fruitless strivings and misunderstandings came peace and strength. The members of the Central American congress, whose sessions have just ended at the capital of Costa Rica, a body composed of the heads of state of each of the five republics, have been working diligently toward the great end. There is to be neither war nor opposition. The year 1850, it is believed, will witness the fulfillment of their labors.

The Union perfected, there will arise no further boundary line troubles. The Nicaragua canal will be completed sooner than otherwise. The Costa Rica railway will extend new lines northward to connect with the great waterway.

The Honduras railway will be built and equipped beyond cavil. Guatemala and Salvador will reap the benefits of increased commerce.

The Union is considered so certain that the question of who shall be named for president has already arisen. The wealthy and energetic Gen. Don Marcos Aurelio Soto, ex-president of Honduras, but now sojourning in Paris for political and other reasons, will probably return to Central America about the time for nominations. Soto, it is well known, has long aspired to the presidency of the united republics. He would doubtless be strong in Costa Rica.

But there are two other immensely popular men of Central America, both much younger than Soto. These are Gen. Bogran, the present president of Honduras, and Licentiate Don Ricardo Jimenez, a prominent young man of Costa Rica.

Gen. Don Luis Bogran is not only the idol of his own nation, but is well known and greatly admired throughout the other four republics. He has done everything during his administration to make himself loved and nothing to arouse enmity. A man of liberal education, a gallant soldier and a hard worker for the advancement of his land, clear headed, prudent and liberal.

Gen. Bogran's popularity is of a peculiar sort. His bearing is dignified almost to austerity. Ordinary people hold their breath when they meet him on the street. "There goes Ricardo Jimenez," they say, with a gasp. Just why they do this is hard to say. The gentleman is not fabulously rich, but is very comfortable. He is not the other land, uncommonly handsome—and a bachelor.

The presidency of this great new nation will undoubtedly lie among these three. Soto would not make a bad executive. He would probably work hard after his own fashion for the good of the people. His vast wealth would insure his freedom from any charge of corruption. Bogran, while maintaining a proper regard for the government, would labor constantly to augment immigration and encourage foreign capital in exploiting the wonderful natural wealth of the land. He would enlarge and strengthen the present amicable relations between the United States and Central America. Jimenez's administration would be equally characterized by peace and progress. Educational matters would be given even greater importance than now. The press would take a new impetus, and, in consequence, the activity of commerce would be immeasurably increased.

Gen. L. CHARLES

A Newfoundland Arbitrator.
A gentleman at Martin's Ferry, O. has a huge Newfoundland dog which has a great deal of good sense and discretion and a keen appreciation of the fitness of things. The gentleman has two small dogs, one of which is smaller than the other. One day the larger dog was taken into a quarry, and, naturally, the larger dog was getting the best of it. The dog, which is heavier than the other, came to the rescue at a very appropriate time, and, standing on his hind legs, he parted the belligerents with his fore paws and then dragged the larger dog away from the quarry in the slightest degree injuring him or showing any ill temper.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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"Now, sir," said the attorney for the defense, knitting his brows and looking severely at the witness, "you say you can remember the exact time during the forenoon at which these events took place because you had been fishing in the creek for more than three hours. Is that correct?" "It is," replied the witness. "I ask you now if you can remember how many fish you had caught and what their size was?" "I hadn't caught a fish," hadn't had a blamed snail, and I hadn't have to change our trial," whispered the lawyer; "we never can get on with this man's testimony."—Chicago Tribune.

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